

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (Canceled).

17. **(Currently amended)** An exhaust-gas cleaning system for cleaning the exhaust gas of an internal combustion engine with self ignition and/or with direct fuel injection, the system comprising

at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], disposed in an exhaust conduit of the engine,

at least one device [[(8)]], disposed downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter for the selective catalytic reduction of the exhaust gases, and

a delivery device [[(6)]], integrated with the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter [[(4)]], for delivering a reducing agent [[(61)]] into the exhaust-gas stream [[(32)]] of the engine [[(2)]], **the delivery device including a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic convertor whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust stream without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic convertor.**

18. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the delivery device [[(6)]] comprises a nozzle [[(62)]] for atomizing the reducing agent [[(61)]].

19. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising by a mixing device [(63)], downstream of the delivery device [(6)], for distributing the reducing agent [(61)] in the exhaust-gas stream [(32)].

20. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, further comprising by a mixing device [(63)], downstream of the delivery device [(6)], for distributing the reducing agent [(61)] in the exhaust-gas stream [(32)].

21. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein an outlet of the nozzle [(62)] is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

22. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein an outlet of the nozzle [(62)] is disposed approximately centrally in the oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

23. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 18, wherein the outlet of the nozzle [(62)] is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

24. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the outlet of the nozzle $[(62)]$ is disposed in an outer peripheral region of the oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$.

25. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$, with the delivery device $[(6)]$ integrated with it, comprises a first housing $[(43)]$; and wherein the device for selective catalytic reduction $[(8)]$ comprises a second housing $[(81)]$ adjoining the first.

26. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$ and the device for selective catalytic reduction $[(8)]$ have a common housing $[(10)]$.

27. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 19, wherein the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$ and the device for selective catalytic reduction $[(8)]$ have a common housing $[(10)]$.

28. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 17, further comprising at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter $[(41)]$ disposed upstream of the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$ in the exhaust-gas stream $[(32)]$ of the engine $[(2)]$.

29. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter $[(41)]$ is disposed in the immediate vicinity of the combustion chambers of the engine $[(2)]$.

30. **(Currently amended)** The exhaust-gas cleaning system of claim 28, wherein the at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter $[(41)]$ comprises $[(by)]$ one further oxidizing catalytic converter $[(41)]$ each on each exhaust gas outlet $[(29)]$ from each combustion chamber of the engine $[(2)]$.

31. **(Currently amended)** A method for cleaning exhaust gases of an internal combustion engine with self ignition and/or with direct fuel injection, the method comprising passing an exhaust-gas stream through at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$ disposed in the exhaust conduit and through at least one device $[(8)]$, downstream of the oxidizing catalytic converter, for selective catalytic reduction, and

delivering a reducing agent $[(61)]$ to the exhaust-gas stream $[(32)]$ inside the at least one oxidizing catalytic converter $[(4)]$, **the delivery being effected inside the oxidation catalytic convertor whereby the reducing agent can reach the exhaust gas stream via a recess or a drilled-out opening in the oxidation catalytic convertor without coming into contact with the oxidation catalytic convertor** .

32. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, comprising utilizing a nozzle $[(62)]$ to effect by a delivery and/or atomization of the reducing agent $[(61)]$.

33. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent [(64)] is delivered approximately centrally inside the oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

34. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the reducing agent [(61)] eccentrically inside the oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

35. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream [(32)] is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [(41)] upstream of the first oxidizing catalytic converter [(4)].

36. **(Currently amended)** The method of claim 31, wherein the exhaust-gas stream [(32)] is carried through at least one further oxidizing catalytic converter [(41)] each in each exhaust conduit [(29)] immediately downstream of the combustion chambers of the engine [(2)].